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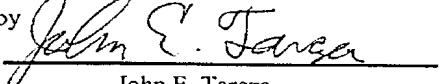
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Date: February 4, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Official communication mailed November 5, 2003, wherein the Examiner set a three-month period for response, this response is timely. Please amend as follows.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.